

Fischer Hired as Dean of Discipline

By Tongyan Lin
NEWS EDITOR

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict announced this week that William M. Fischer will fill the Associate Dean for Student Discipline position beginning Nov. 1.

In addition, Fischer will work in Risk Management, which includes risk from lawsuits, safety, and health issues, Benedict said.

Fischer will replace Steven J. Tyrell as Associate Dean for Student Discipline, though Benedict said Fischer's title would be modified.

Fischer has been Director of the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution at Northeastern University since 2000. He also worked at Illinois State University and the University of New Hampshire.

Fischer was one of three candidates recommended to Benedict by a search committee led by co-chairs Barbara A. Baker, associate dean for student life programs, and Daniel Trujillo, associate dean for community development and substance abuse. Benedict made the final decision.

Search committee praises choice

Fischer "has a lot of expertise and knowledge," Baker said. She said the committee looked for somebody who could provide leadership and opportunities for campus dialogue on establishing fair systems and processes.

Trujillo said Fischer seemed to have an "ability to relate with students."

William R. Fowler '05, a student member of the search committee, said one of his top considerations was to make sure the new dean "had the same education philosophy as MIT" and was "dedicated to the idea of student self-government." The committee also wanted to make sure the new dean would be "someone who is willing to enforce rules" but who also "understands MIT culture and embraces MIT culture," Fowler said.

Fowler also said Fischer was "extremely intelligent" and has "the confidence to back it up." He said he was pleased with Benedict's decision of Fischer.

Benedict said Fischer has "extensive background in mediation." He also said he would like for Fischer to have strong ties with the Committee on Discipline. He said he would like to make Dormitory Council Judicial Committee a "more active part of the campus."

Fischer: hacks 'build community'

Fischer said some of his short-term goals were to establish "strong

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Rents Rise So Dorms Pay for Own Expenses

By Jenny Zhang
NEWS EDITOR

MIT has implemented a plan to gradually increase undergraduate dormitory rent over the next seven to eight years until dormitories are no longer reliant on subsidies, said Larry G. Benedict, dean of student life.

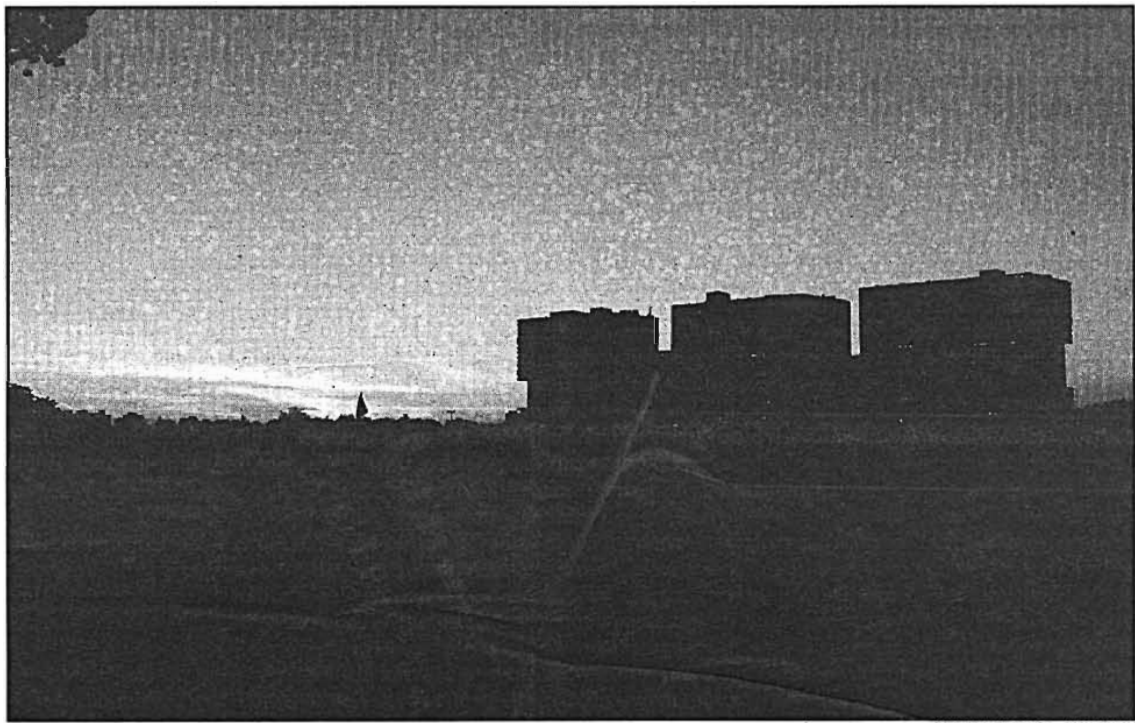
Although the exact rise in dormitory rents has not been determined, the intent is to allow the prices to increase more quickly than inflation so that by the end of this period, housing costs are supported entirely by student rent alone.

Benedict predicts that dorm prices will rise by roughly five to six percent per year. Assuming that next year's dormitory rent is increased by five percent on the current average cost of \$4,900 yearly according to the Financial Aid office, the increase translates to an average increase of 245 dollars for the year.

Graduate student dormitories will not undergo this rent increase because they have traditionally been more self-sufficient, said Stephen D. Immerman, senior associate dean for student life.

Financial aid to assist transition

Benedict said that extra rent would be "a burden" but not a deterrent to students coming to MIT



BRIAN HEMOND—THE TECH

Simmons Hall, one of the most expensive dormitories on campus, adds a touch of "aesthetics" to the evening sky (according to the recent Fraternity, Sorority and Independent Living Group report). Dormitory prices will be rising in the near future as a result of the MIT administration gradually phasing out subsidies.

because financial aid would be adjusted accordingly for those who would have difficulty bearing the additional cost.

Removal of subsidy from the general MIT budget is necessary because the Institute budget should not be used on housing, he said.

Such a practice means that money for housing is "being taken from

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MIT Plans New Dorm, Renovations

By Marissa Vogt
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

MIT is considering plans to develop a 600-bed graduate residential neighborhood in the northwest section of campus, opening for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The new graduate dormitory would then be used to free up space in the undergraduate system by shifting the graduate dormitory Ashdown to undergraduate housing.

Ashdown residents would move to the new graduate dormitory, and

the extra housing would be used as swing space for MIT to close and renovate several undergraduate dormitories.

The plan also gives a schedule for both Random Hall and Bexley closing as undergraduate dormitories, potentially reopening as sorority housing and non-dormitory space, respectively. Random would close in 2008-2009, while Bexley would close in 2010-2011.

Also as part of the plan, East Campus and Burton-Conner would

close for renovation in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 and reopen one year later respectively, with the residents of those dormitories being temporarily relocated to Ashdown.

Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said that he doesn't anticipate many problems with the temporary relocations of EC and Burton-Conner residents.

"When you're moving a hall together... I don't think its going to

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Endowment Increases by 18 Percent To \$6 Billion

By Jeffrey Chang
STAFF REPORTER

MIT's endowment rose 18 percent this past fiscal year from \$5.1 billion to almost \$6 billion after declining for the past three years. This makes it the fifth largest private university endowment in the United States, said Treasurer Allan S. Bufferd '59 in an e-mail.

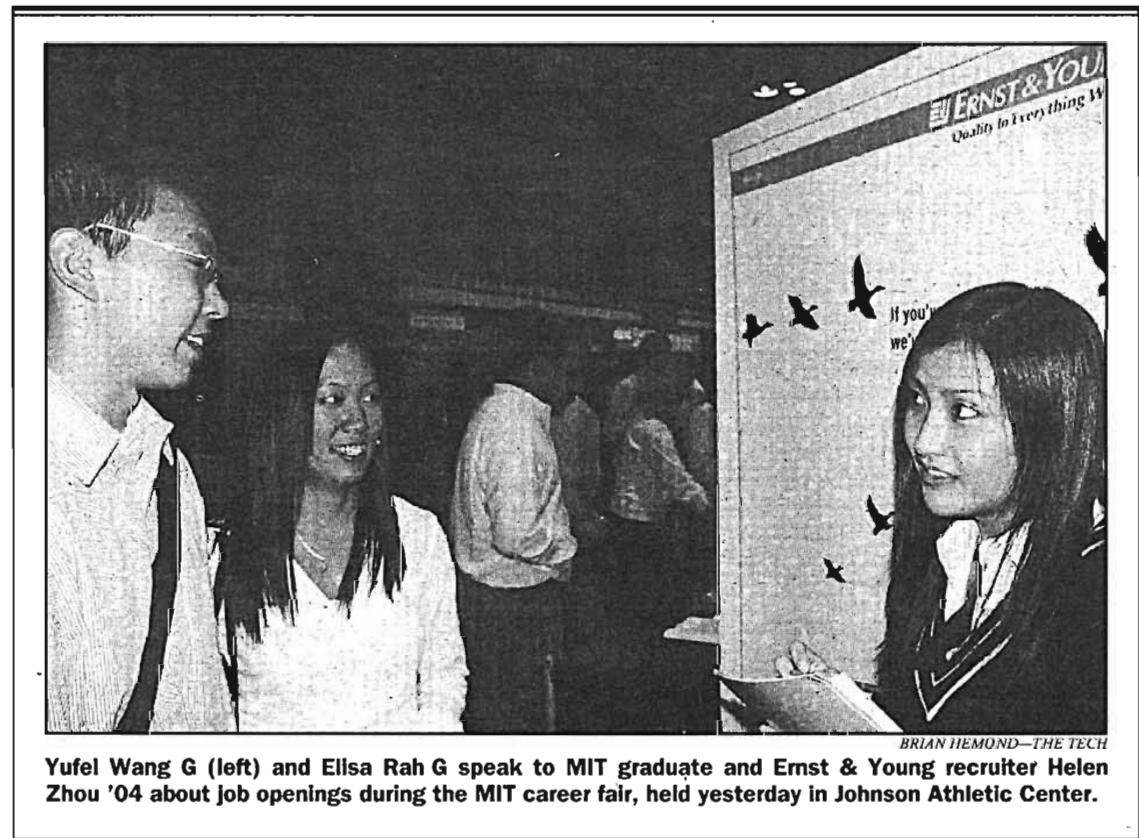
Declining revenues from the endowment resulted in salary freezes, a number of layoffs, and a campus shutdown over winter break last year. The endowment this year was "much higher than expected," said Provost Robert A. Brown. He points to the rebounding economy as the main reason for the increase. \$35 million budget cut last year

Referring to an article in *The New York Times*, Brown said that MIT's 18.1 percent gain last year is above the median increase of 17.1 percent for the top 25 endowments in the country. The endowment has "reached the bottom and is going back up," though it will take a few years to return to its peak of \$6.5 billion in 2000, Brown said.

Normal budget planned

"We are budgeting and planning in our normal mode now, and projecting a conservative growth rate"

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Yufei Wang '04 (left) and Elisa Rah '04 speak to MIT graduate and Ernst & Young recruiter Helen Zhou '04 about job openings during the MIT career fair, held yesterday in Johnson Athletic Center.

CAMPUS LIFE

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WORLD & NATION

African Union To Send Troops In Bid To Curb Sudan Violence

By Warren Hoge
THE NEW YORK TIMES

UNITED NATIONS

Nigeria's president, Olusegun Obasanjo, said Thursday that the African Union, of which he is the chairman, had decided to send thousands of troops and monitors to help curb the violence in the Darfur region of Sudan that has killed 50,000 villagers and displaced 1.4 million others.

Obasanjo said he expected a force of 3,000 to 5,000 to be assembled by the first week in October, but he added that millions of dollars were needed to deploy it.

A U.N. Security Council resolution passed Saturday, which threatened Sudan with sanctions if the violence continued, gave the lead peacemaking role in Darfur to the 53-nation African Union. It currently has about 90 military observers in Darfur and 300 troops to protect them.

They are monitoring a conflict that began in February 2003, when two rebel groups from Darfur's black African population rose up against perceived discrimination by the government in Khartoum, Sudan's capital. In response, the national authorities armed and equipped Arab militias known as the Janjaweed, which retaliated with a campaign that the United Nations has termed ethnic cleansing and the United States has called genocide.

Antarctic Glaciers Quicken Pace To Sea; Warming Is Cited

By Andrew C. Revkin
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Spurred by warming coastal air and waters, some of Antarctica's glaciers have accelerated their seaward march, fresh observations show, suggesting that ocean levels might be irreversibly on the rise for centuries to come.

Global warming from smokestack and tailpipe emissions of heat-trapping gases could well be contributing to the changes, but some of what is happening is probably a delayed reaction to the long warm-up since the last ice age, glaciologists said Thursday.

Overall, Antarctica still holds a mix of conditions, with some spots cooling and others warming, but the new observations, described this week in three scientific papers, confirm that warming along the coast, as it causes fringes of ice to melt, can release bigger ice sheets to flow faster to the ocean, where they will inevitably melt.

The changes were detected by separate satellite and aircraft surveys of small glaciers along the east side of the Antarctic Peninsula, the rugged, sharply warming arm reaching toward South America, and along giant ice sheets feeding into the Amundsen Sea.

Bank Of America Puts Unit In Hub

By Sasha Talcott
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Bank of America Corp. confirmed Thursday it will locate its wealth management division in Boston and said it will move about 100 high-level jobs here.

The decision comes after weeks of heated criticism from elected officials upset the bank had laid off hundreds of Boston workers and worried the bank had broken its promises on job commitments to the region. This is the first time since Bank of America acquired Fleet-Boston Financial Corp. in April that it has laid out specific plans to create a large amount of high-level jobs in Boston.

The bank's decision to move the top leaders of the it's wealth management arm and much of their support staff to Boston will position the city as a center of power in the bank and ultimately could generate hundreds of more jobs for the region, bank executives said.

Bush, Allawi Plan Elections In January Despite Violence

By Elisabeth Bumiller
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

President Bush and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of Iraq vowed in the White House Rose Garden on Thursday that Iraq would hold free elections as scheduled in January, even though Bush acknowledged the "persistent violence" in some parts of the country and Allawi conceded that the elections "may not be perfect."

Similarly, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld spoke openly for the first time on Thursday about the possibility that the January elections might be held only in parts of Iraq.

"Let's say you tried to have an election, and you could have it in three-quarters or four-fifths of the country, but some places you couldn't because the violence was too great," Rumsfeld said at a hearing on Capitol Hill. "Well, that's so be it. Nothing's perfect in life."

But on a day when both Republicans and Democrats used Allawi to reinforce starkly opposed campaign messages about Iraq, Bush and his ally presented, overall, a rosy picture of the country. In contrast, Sen. John Kerry, the Democ-

atic presidential nominee, seized on the visit to paint a bleak portrait of Iraq and a Bush administration in disarray.

By the end of the day, it was clear that Allawi's visit to Washington, his first as Iraq's interim prime minister, was not simply a state visit but a politically charged moment with the debate on the course of the war intensifying.

"I stand here today as the prime minister of a country emerging finally from dark ages of violence, aggression, corruption and greed," Allawi told a joint session of Congress before his appearance at the White House, using language that echoed Bush's campaign speeches about Iraq. "Like almost every Iraqi, I have many friends who were murdered, tortured or raped by the regime of Saddam Hussein."

In the Rose Garden two hours later, Allawi and Bush continually cited progress in a nation that has been plagued by an emboldened insurgency, suicide bombings and the recent beheadings of two American hostages. "You can understand it's tough and still be optimistic," Bush said. "You can understand how hard it is and believe we'll succeed."

Allawi, a former neurologist with close ties to the Central Intelligence Agency, was selected as interim prime minister in May by a U.N. envoy under heavy pressure from the United States. He said in the Rose Garden that every day he receives a threat on his life and that in the last month he has learned of four conspiracies to kill him.

Bush, in his enthusiasm to portray what he called progress in Iraq, went so far as to say that polls there asking people whether the country was on the right or wrong track showed more positive results than similar polls in the United States.

"I saw a poll that said the right track/wrong track in Iraq was better than here in America," Bush said, chuckling. "It's pretty darn strong. I mean, the people see a better future."

A Kerry campaign spokesman, Joe Lockhart, responded that Bush must be "unhinged from reality" to cite such a poll.

Kerry, at a news conference in Columbus, Ohio, said that Allawi was not making sense, pointing in particular to his assertion to Congress that the terrorists in Iraq were on the defensive.

Pentagon Report Says Military Insufficient for Current Tasks

By Thom Shanker
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

A Pentagon-appointed panel of outside experts has concluded in a new study that the U.S. military does not have sufficient forces to sustain current and anticipated stability operations, like the festering conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and other missions that might arise.

Portions of the study, which has not been officially released, were read into the public record on Thursday by Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, a leader of Democrats who want to expand the size of the military.

During testimony by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and

his top commanders, Reed said he found the study "provocative and startling."

Rumsfeld said the report was an "excellent piece of work," and that he had ordered briefings on its findings for senior military and civilian officials. But he cautioned after the hearing that the section read by Reed was not a comprehensive synopsis, and that the authors of the study may not be fully aware of steps under way by the Pentagon to lessen stress on the force, and actions taken specifically by the Army to increase the number of available combat forces without further expanding the military.

Reed said the Defense Science Board study found "inadequate total

numbers of U.S. troops" and "a lack of long-term endurance."

He quoted the report as saying that unless the United States scaled back its stabilization operations, it would have to reshape its forces to "trade combat capabilities for stabilization capabilities" or depend on contributions of troops from allied countries or the United Nations.

"If everything we recommend is implemented over the next five years but we continue our current foreign policy of military expeditions every two years, we will begin two more stabilization operations without sufficient preparation or resources," Reed said in describing the findings of the board, a high level advisory group.

WEATHER

Come on Now, Blame the Meteorologists!

By Cegeon J. Chan
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Delivering weather forecasts for over a handful of years now, I've had to forecast a fair share of both pleasant and unpleasant weather. Every time a forecast of frigid temperatures, or soggy rainy days comes around (like this past Saturday), someone will undoubtedly blame it on the person they hear it from — the meteorologists. As for "good" weather, we, the meteorologists, are often forgotten. But don't despair! You still have time to thank your local weatherman because this weekend's forecast will be sensational.

Now that we are just entering the fall season, the solar rays heating the ground isn't likely strong enough to initiate any convective thunderstorms. Also it's not late enough in the season to expect strong temperature gradients across the U.S. to develop any strong low-pressure systems. Thus, we can expect the sunny skies, dry conditions and high temperatures generally in the mid 70's°F (24°C) to last through the weekend. (This would be a wonderful opportunity to explore the fall foliage in upstate New England.) These pleasant days will last until Tuesday, but by then, we may be under the influence of Hurricane Jeanne. In the meantime, be sure to enjoy the great weather!

Extended Forecast:

Today: Sunny and slightly warmer than today. Highs in the mid 70s°F (24°C).

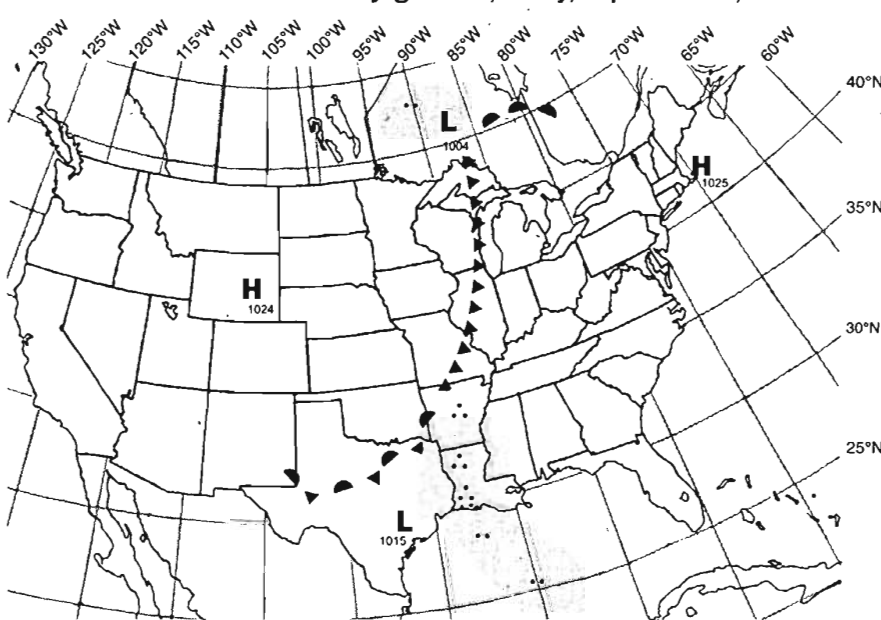
Tonight: Mostly clear with lows in the mid 50s°F (12°C).

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and warmer, with highs reaching 80°F (27°C).

Tomorrow night: Mostly clear with lows mid 60°F (17°C)

Sunday and Monday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s°F (22°C) and lows in the lower 50s°F (10°C)

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, September 24, 2004



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
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	— Stationary Front	Moderate **	
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Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Tests Show Airport Screenings Still Misses Knives, Explosives

By Matthew L. Wald
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Covert government tests last November showed that screeners were still missing some knives, guns and explosives carried through airport checkpoints, and the reasons involve equipment, training, procedures and management, according to a report by the inspector general of the Homeland Security Department.

A congressional aide who has been briefed about the report, which is classified, said that it showed the test scores were roughly the same in November as in earlier tests.

This might actually represent

progress, the aide said, because the test had become more difficult, with the weapons "more artfully concealed."

"It's improving but it's got a long, long way to go," said the aide, who asked not to be identified because he was describing details that were not made public.

Of the objects that screeners are supposed to detect, the explosives are the most difficult, the aide said. Concern over explosives has risen since the destruction of two Russian airliners by Chechen suicide bombers in August.

The test results were first given to Congress in April. In a hearing on April 22, the inspector general of the Department of

Homeland Security, Clark Kent Ervin, compared the success of government screeners with the performance by private screeners, used at five airports in a pilot program. "They performed about the same, which is to say equally poorly," he said.

This week Ervin issued a final report on the tests, including recommendations. A declassified, abbreviated version of the report was publicly released Wednesday.

One recommendation was for recurrent training for the screeners, but the report noted that the Transportation Security Administration began doing that last fall.

Halliburton to Sell Field Services Unit Amid Losses, Controversies

By Simon Romero
THE NEW YORK TIMES

HOUSTON

When Halliburton was awarded contracts worth more than \$12 billion for work in Iraq, critics said that the company was using its political connections to reap big profits. But now, in a sign that those contracts are not providing the boon executives had expected from a subsidiary weighed down by other problems, Halliburton said Thursday that it was considering a sale of the business.

The unit, KBR, which provides military and oil field services, has been plagued by disappointing losses, investigations into its activities in Nigeria and Iran as well as siz-

able asbestos claims. Making matters worse, KBR's work in Iraq has not been as profitable as other activities and has contributed to a public relations nightmare for its parent. All of this has happened while KBR is seeking to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

The announcement by Halliburton, the nation's largest energy services company, indicated that KBR's problems have kept a lid on Halliburton's stock price and hindered its ambitions to benefit from elevated oil prices.

In a meeting here with investors, Halliburton's chief executive, David J. Lesar, said the company had become part of a "vicious campaign" of political attacks ahead of

this year's presidential election. Lesar has lamented Halliburton's prominence as a target for critics of the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq, and repeated some of those concerns on Thursday.

Controversy is nothing new for the company that was run by Vice President Dick Cheney for five years until 2000. KBR has long been associated with the coziness of politics and business in the oil industry in Texas and has become a symbol of the reach of American energy conglomerates into many politically unsavory areas around the world. Halliburton acquired Brown and Root, the corporate ancestor of KBR, in 1962.

Cancer Survivor Gives Birth After Removal And Return Of Ovary

By Denise Grady
THE NEW YORK TIMES

A 32-year-old woman in Belgium has become the first woman ever to give birth after having ovarian tissue removed, frozen and then implanted back in her body, doctors are reporting.

She had the tissue removed in 1997 in hopes of preserving her fertility, because she had Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer, and was about to undergo chemotherapy with drugs likely to damage her ovaries and cause premature menopause and infertility. She and her doctors hoped that once she was cured, the ovarian tissue could be thawed and returned to her abdomen to produce eggs.

The strategy apparently worked. The woman, Ouarda Touriat, got pregnant the natural way and gave birth on Thursday to an 8 lb. 3 oz. daughter, Tamara, at St. Luke's Hospital in Brussels. A hospital spokeswoman said that both the mother and baby were healthy.

The case reflects a success story in cancer treatment: Cure rates for cancers in children and young people have increased enough so that it is realistic to worry about whether survivors will be able to have children of their own one day.

Florida High Court Rules Against Governor In Right-To-Die-Case

By Abby Goodnough
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MIAMI

Gov. Jeb Bush's efforts to keep a badly brain-damaged woman alive against her husband's wishes all but collapsed Thursday, when the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the law allowing him to order her feeding tube reinserted violated the separation of powers guaranteed by the state's constitution.

A spokeswoman for Bush said his lawyers were exploring options, like requesting a rehearing of the case or appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court. She said the governor had 10 days to seek a rehearing, during which the woman, Theresa Schiavo, 40, must continue to receive nourishment.

Yet there were signs that Bush, who resolutely inserted himself in the thorny case last fall, might accept the high court's judgment.

"The governor was disappointed in the ruling, and his prayers go out to Terri's family," the spokeswoman, Jill Bratina, said. "At the same time, the governor respects the role of the judicial branch on issues such as this and the rule of law. And he recognizes the Florida Supreme Court is the final arbiter on state laws, and as such recognizes that the options before us may be limited."

The seven justices ruled unanimously, writing that "Terri's Law," hastily passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature last fall, was "an unconstitutional encroachment on the power that has been reserved for the independent judiciary."



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OPINION

Legitimacy is Missing from UA Senate

Something was missing from last week's Undergraduate Association elections, even beyond the lack of enough official candidates to fill all the empty positions. To wit, a significant portion of the UA Senate was elected without an official platform.

Editorial

Even the registered candidates were quiet on campus life issues. For the legislative body supposedly charged with representing the interests of all undergraduates, this is a serious blow to its legitimacy, especially given that it's happened for multiple years.

The most obvious sign of trouble lies in the number of candidates who were elected as write-ins, and that three dormitories failed to field even one official candidate. Bexley Hall, McCormick Hall, Next House and Senior House each elected one senator by write-in votes, while East Campus elected both by write-in. This means that six of the 27 elected UA Senators were write-in candidates.

MIT students are notoriously busy, so it's no surprise some did not register on time and ran as write-ins. But such a high percentage of elected write-in candidates only underscores a deeper problem, which is that too many senators have been elected without substantive knowledge of or opinions on critical issues in student life. This has led to an increasing irrelevancy of the Senate to both undergraduates and the administration, as witnessed by the Senate's resolution on the flag ban last year that went unnoticed and unheard by MIT. The Senate is nominally supposed to advocate for students' interests in MIT's policy decisions, but right now it is the UA President who holds most of the power, influence and knowledge of administration decisions. The President is directly elected, of course, but the role of the Senate as a representative body reflecting the multiple viewpoints of students cannot be replaced by a single office.

In order to remedy the Senate's growing irrelevancy, we propose that it should shrink by close to half and allow all dormitories to vote on a single group of candidates. As it currently stands, every dormitory is represented by one or two senators based on its total residency. The same resident-to-Senator ratio applies to the Interfraternity Council,

Panhel, independent living groups, and off-campus residents, but their senators are not tied to specific houses. While ideally each dormitory would be able to field a number of energetic candidates who are well-educated and opinionated about problems in student life, the past election shows this approach simply leads to a lack of debate and last-minute candidacies.

In other words, the dormitories seem to get drawn and quartered as they scramble to fill every slot, and as a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, so the Senate is only as tough as its most indifferent members. Of course, the benefit of having a representative in each dormitory, accessibility, is clear. There's a good chance everyone knows a Senator or lives within several hundred feet of one, even if they're not aware of it. But easy accessibility does not outweigh the drag indifference makes on the Senate's ability to influence the administration.

By allowing all dormitory residents to vote for the same pool of candidates, the competition would increase and hence the effectiveness of elected senators as well. Simple steps, like requiring each candidate to answer a set of questions on student life and then posting copies on each floor of every dormitory, could easily allow students to judge which candidates they thought best. Although every dormitory would not have a senator, candidates could conceivably run on platforms relevant to multiple or even individual dormitories, such as developing more dinner options for students on east campus. The burden of maintaining effective communication with students would be on the Senators, with being voted of out office the price of inaction.

As it stands, the UA Senate is often dismissed by students as irrelevant to their lives. Given that MIT is currently reevaluating its philosophies for student life and academics, students need effective representation to the administration more than ever. Reorganizing the UA Senate to be smaller and making dormitory representatives campus-wide would produce a better and more legitimate legislative body.

Vivek Rao has recused himself from this editorial

Reorganizing the UA Senate would produce a better and more legitimate legislative body.

Correction on FSILG Table

Following an article published last Friday, Sept. 17 ["Report Details FSILG Problems"], it became clear from many e-mails that the table going with the story, purportedly giving the number of residents in FSILG houses over the past ten years, did not reflect reality.

Ultimately, it seems that the table simply measured a less than useful statistic, the number of students in the registrar's database who listed a given address as their residence. Ri Romano, statistician for the Registrar's Office, said that a large source of error for the table was that MIT never automatically "closes" the address listing of a student living off-campus. In other words, an FSILG member could enter his or her address into the database, and that address would remain for perpetuity unless the student changed it. This is in contrast to the dormitories, where MIT automatically "opens" and "closes" the address of each student at the beginning and end of the academic year.

Given that some of the numbers in the table are drastically wrong, such as the number for Alpha Delta Phi, which was at times over twice the house's capacity, the only conclusion one can draw is to not use the data at all. This means that the two graphs made using

the data must also be discarded.

Unfortunately, it seems that none of the student FSILG governments, or MIT, have a readily available table giving the equivalent or similar data over the ten year period. Dean of FSILGs David N. Rogers was able to compile a table for years from 1992 to 2002 using data his office had gathered on house occupancy. However, at first glance this table contained at least one number that was off by 100 percent when compared with the group's own records, implying this table also is untrustworthy. In the meantime, it's impossible to recreate the two accompanying graphs.

Also, as many noticed, the lettering on the graph giving change in membership since freshmen on campus was incorrect, and Romano also noted that the years in the table had been shifted, so that what was labeled as 2004 should have been 2003 and so forth. However, given that none of the data is accurate in the first place, it is not worth reprinting a corrected version.

*—Beckett W. Sterner
Editor in Chief*

Letters To The Editor

An Open Letter To Marilee Jones

Dear Ms. Jones [MIT Dean of Admissions],
I read your statement in *Newsweek* in an article ["Dealing with Depression"] relating to mental health issues on university campuses. You don't seem to understand mental illness very well, and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you some things I hope you will take into account when considering potential students.

First of all, the main kind of mental illness you deal with as a university is depression. Depression has reached epidemic rates and is now one of the top causes of death among 19-24 year olds. To me, this indicates that the problem lies not with the individual students, but in the society that surrounds them. Realiz-

ing this, perhaps the answer lies not in excluding these students from the applicant pool, but in reworking the mental health services at MIT and the general atmosphere that students live in.

Depression is an episodic disease. People suffering from depression are not constantly depressed any more than people with heart disease are constantly in cardiac arrest. During the remission times, these people can function just as highly as anyone else. I am sure that you would never keep a deserving student out of MIT because of a condition that will only flare up occasionally. After all, students who have other medical problems face the same issues, and I know that MIT does not discriminate against them. I see the many walkways and elevators around the MIT campus and so I assume that MIT is diligent about being in accordance

with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination based on medical conditions.

Depression is also not simply a reaction to

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Errata

An article in the sports section on Sept. 21 ["The Magic of Long, Curly Hair"] stated that Red Sox player Johnny Damon had a OBP of .477 instead of the correct number of .386. Also, the series of games between the Yankees and Sox in July was four games long, not three.

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FOCing the Dorms

Ruth Miller

Freshmen on campus. The phonetic pronunciation of its acronym is a little ironic, because that's what it does to everything it touches.

Nothing quite stirs up the blood like discussing this über-controversial policy. The FSILGs have had their turn lacerating this policy for a few years, and it's high time someone looked at this from the other side of the fence: the dorms.

"Dorms." What connotation does that carry for you? It probably depends on where you live. If you've lived out your undergraduate career off campus, your perception of dorms is probably very different than someone who lives on campus, and if you live on campus, your perception is likely different than someone that lives somewhere else on campus.

I live in Burton-Conner, and our nine floors provide a pretty decent cross-section of the rest of the system. We've got the outgoing floors that spend a lot of time with each other, the quieter floors that stick to themselves, and individual suites that are obsessed with various things (sports, explosions, etc.)

In short, dormitory life offers variety. The FSILGs do as well, but where I just have to walk up a flight of stairs to get to a different subculture, off-campus living groups aren't nearly as close-knit.

It is an unfortunate flaw in the design of the housing system that dormitories and FSILGs must compete so directly over who they consider to be the "good" freshmen, because it seems these groups could work together to have even more fun. Regardless, the dormitories and FSILGs both need occupants, and the opportunity for cooperation is forsaken in a fight for survival. The dormitories will live on, but FSILGs are dependent on getting pledges. As a result, stereotypes are created. I don't have to explain those here, I'm asking for enough hate mail as it is, except to say the dorms are cast as the lamier of the two options.

The annual fight for freshmen ignites whenever a FSILG feels threatened. If orientation is a hurricane, FOC is a pound of sodi-

um, and in the aftermath, you've got a bunch of proud, new pledges, and the FSILGs will survive for another year.

This would be all fine and good, except these pledges can't move into their houses yet. They made the conscience decision to move out of their dorm, but can't do so for a whole year. They're being forced to live there against their will, and come to see it as a holding pen — keeping them from the awesome life that awaits them.

These pledges don't consider themselves to be part of the dormitory. Given the excitement of Rush, bids, and pledging, "I didn't want to join a FSILG so I'm staying in the dorm" doesn't stand a chance.

So when dorms try and organize activities, guess who doesn't come? Half the freshmen guys are nowhere to be found, having been whisked away by the wild and crazy frat life. Who can blame them? These pledges have no reason to invest their time or energy into the dorm — it's just temporary housing. They don't need to meet these people, because they won't ever see them again. There's no incentive to establish even a tem-

porary relationship, because they have another place to go with other people. The pledges are inconvenienced, and their ghosts haunt the dorms until they move out.

Of course pledges are always welcome at dorm functions, and it may be in good spirit for the FSILG to encourage the pledges to spend more time in their dorm, but it's not in the best interest of the FSILG to let them get too cozy. Housing inertia may set in, and if they have too much fun, they could always de-pledge. It's in the best interest of the FSILG to keep their pledges out of the dorm as much as possible.

Basically, FOC is doing an excellent job of dividing the student body. Before, the on/off campus rivalry only lasted until the freshmen moved into their house at the end of Rush, and then everyone had several months to be friendly. Now, the stakes stay high until the end of the year, just before the next class of freshmen arrives and the whole cycle starts all over again.

Thank you, FOC, for forcing people into my house against their will. It makes us all very proud to live there, too.

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stress. People suffering from depression will not simply "crumble the first time they do poorly on a test," as you are quoted as saying in *Newsweek*. If given the proper care, they will respond to stress quite healthily. Therapists can remind students of all the options they have and put the bad grade in perspective for them. Students in therapy are also already more accustomed to reaching out for help when they are in trouble, and so they likely are more able to take advantage of the many academic support structures in place at MIT.

Being on medication is also not an indication of an inability to deal with the world. The medication is helping these students do just that. While I absolutely agree that all students should be warned of the high stress environment of MIT, I believe it is up to the student to make a decision as to whether or not this school is the right one for him. Your statement also creates the image that MIT discriminates against students who do take medication, a dangerous image to propagate.

Many people with mental problems still do outstanding research. One such case is John Nash, the Nobel Prize winner featured in the movie "A Beautiful Mind," who battled schizophrenia. I would hate to think that people like this, with such potential to offer the world, would be passed over by MIT because of a disability.

Given the large numbers of people suffering from depression and other mental illnesses and the terrible reality of suicide if the disease is left untreated, I think that MIT and institutions across the country and the world would be better served by looking at what they can do to help alleviate the situation rather than how to screen out people who might have these problems. With sensitive therapists and knowledgeable psychiatrists, places like MIT have the opportunity to help their students immensely. But this can not be achieved if mental illness continues to carry a stigma. Students cannot take advantage of the support around them if they are afraid to admit to having a problem.

It used to be that people were judged by the external problems they had. Blind, deaf, and

other physically handicapped people were discriminated against because it was easier to keep them out than it was to accommodate them. Thankfully we have changed that view. The same consideration should be extended when dealing with mental illness, and in fact legally must be. I hope that having read this, you can apply your knowledge both to assessing applicants and to making MIT a better place for everyone to work and live.

Sincerely,
Lisa Silverman
MIT Center for Cancer Research

Questioning The Tech's Choice In Advertisers

I question the wisdom of allowing the MPAA to take-out a full-page ad on page 13 of the Sept. 21 issue of *The Tech*. While I believe that downloading movies is wrong and that one should pay for entertainment, I strongly object to the methods the MPAA uses to combat the issue of digital "piracy." The MPAA (along with the RIAA) uses its enormous power and wealth to run roughshod over the rights of people both in this country and around the world. Their automated Cease & Desist letters are creating a "guilty until proven innocent" environment on the Internet, as many ISPs will simply terminate a user's service upon receiving one of these notices, and the burden of proof is placed on the user to demonstrate that in fact the MPAA/RIAA made a mistake.

Witness the case of Professor Peter Usher, in the Astronomy Department at Penn State, who published an MP3 file of an a cappella song recorded by some astronomer acquaintances. He had the misfortune to name the file "Usher.mp3" and subsequently received a DMCA Cease & Desist letter for distributing the works of the R&B artist also named "Usher." Or the recent case of Linux Australia, Inc, a Linux user group and advocacy organization in

Off With His Head?

Alexander Del Nido

For those MIT students who are sufficiently content to live in the bubble that is college and not pay any attention to what is happening in the world around them, let me review the events of the past week or so:

Something of a journalistic debacle has taken place. On the news program "60 Minutes," CBS News broadcast a story on President Bush's service in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. Essentially, CBS alleged that Bush had used the influence of his congressman father to get a spot in the Guard, while many others his age were sent to southeast Asia — once in this "champagne regiment", Bush did not fulfill his duty and essentially didn't show up a lot of the time. CBS's information came from documents purportedly written by Bush's commanding officer. Unfortunately for CBS, it turns out that the memos were not adequately vetted by the network's fact-checkers and were, in fact, cheaply done forgeries provided to CBS by a dubious ex-Guard member with a long-standing hatred of President Bush. After standing by their story for nearly a week, CBS embarrassingly reversed itself on Monday, with their nightly news anchor Dan Rather apologizing personally and on behalf of the network for the use of the invalid documents.

Now, read again what I just wrote — does this sound familiar? A sensational story that has the potential to cause a huge change in public opinion, sources which turn out to be unreliable and wrong, providing the American people with a case before adequately scrutinizing all of the evidence... where have I heard this song before?

This episode, which may come to be known in the pantheon of great American political scandal as "Memogate" or "Rathergate" after the unfortunate news anchor, illustrates the brazen hypocrisy by which the radical right wing lives in this country. Supposedly outraged at this latest example of terrible liberal media bias, conservative talk radio hosts, internet bloggers, and even supposedly mainstream political figures, were

not satisfied with Dan Rather's apology — they won't be pleased until the veteran newscaster and all senior officials at CBS News hand in their resignations. This is "the worst media coverage in CBS News history," according to a petition from <http://www.rathergate.com>, calling on the network to fire its top people. "We're sorry, but you have to go," writes Cliff Kinkaid of the conservative Accuracy in Media organization.

Now, let's look at another man who should be held accountable for spreading false information to the American people. The parallels between "Rathergate" and "Bushgate" are striking:

CBS News relied on Bill Burkett, who ended up admitting to Rather that he knew the documents had not been genuine when he passed them on to CBS. Bush relied on Ahmed Chalabi, an Iraqi dissident who lied when he told the administration that

Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

Opponents of CBS argue that it ignored conflicting evidence for the story because it was motivated by the liberal media's obsession with bringing down the President. Opponents of Bush argue that he ignored reports that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction, nor did it have ties to al-Qaeda, because he was motivated by personal feelings of revenge against Saddam and by personal gain in acquiring Iraq's oil reserves.

When faced with overwhelming evidence against them, both Bush and CBS stood by their increasingly unbelievable stories. Now, at least for CBS, the truth has come out and the story has blown up in their face.

The intelligent reader is no doubt thinking: "Now wait a minute. Surely there are big differences between the forged CBS memos and the flawed intelligence which the Bush administration used to take the country to war, right?" I couldn't agree more.

When you read the vitriolic columns of right wing pundits at places like <http://www.townhall.com>, who call for Rather's blood to be shed, you'll see what a ridiculous double-standard the right has for determining when to get outraged. When CBS makes a mistake (and no one has produced any evidence to prove that it was not an honest mistake), they "must be held accountable" for its "gross incompetence or willful deception!" However, when Bush invades the wrong country out of gross incompetence, it's an honest mistake. Even if the error took place on his watch, it isn't his fault — it's the CIA's, FBI's, Congress's, American people's; in short, as some left-wingers like to say, anyone but Bush!

Furthermore, when CBS makes the mistake, Dan Rather goes on the air and apologizes for it — the President, in contrast, seems prouder every day that we had no reason for invading Iraq; the only mistake we've made there, Bush contended in a recent interview, is that our success was "catastrophic" and too fast! The day the Bushists actually apologize for anything is the day that Bush and his whole cabinet convert to Islam and make the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Most importantly, when CBS makes the mistake, over 1,000 Americans and countless Iraqis don't lose their lives for it.

I do hate to say this, but maybe this time Rush Limbaugh and the rest of the right-wing noise machine is right — Dan Rather should be held accountable for this major lapse in journalistic integrity. As should George W. Bush, for his abject failure of leadership and his neglect of the Presidential duty to prevent the needless loss of American lives. While I don't expect either Dan Rather or the President to resign anytime soon, we can hope that the people they both serve, the American public, will make their displeasure known. If network news watchers come away from "Rathergate" believing the credibility of Rather and the rest of the CBS crew to be seriously damaged (and rightly so), they will vote with their remotes and tune in to other channels. Likewise, if the American public finally wakes up to the fact that their President has absolutely no credibility left after Iraqgate, the people will have a chance to "hold him accountable" on November 2.

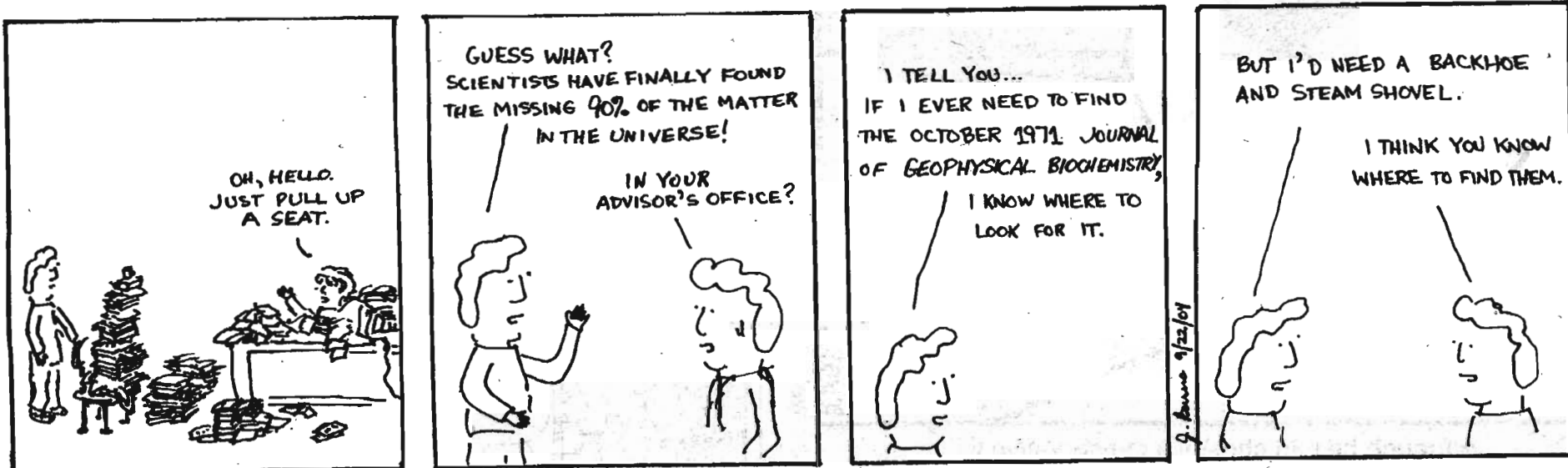
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Jonathan Reed '02

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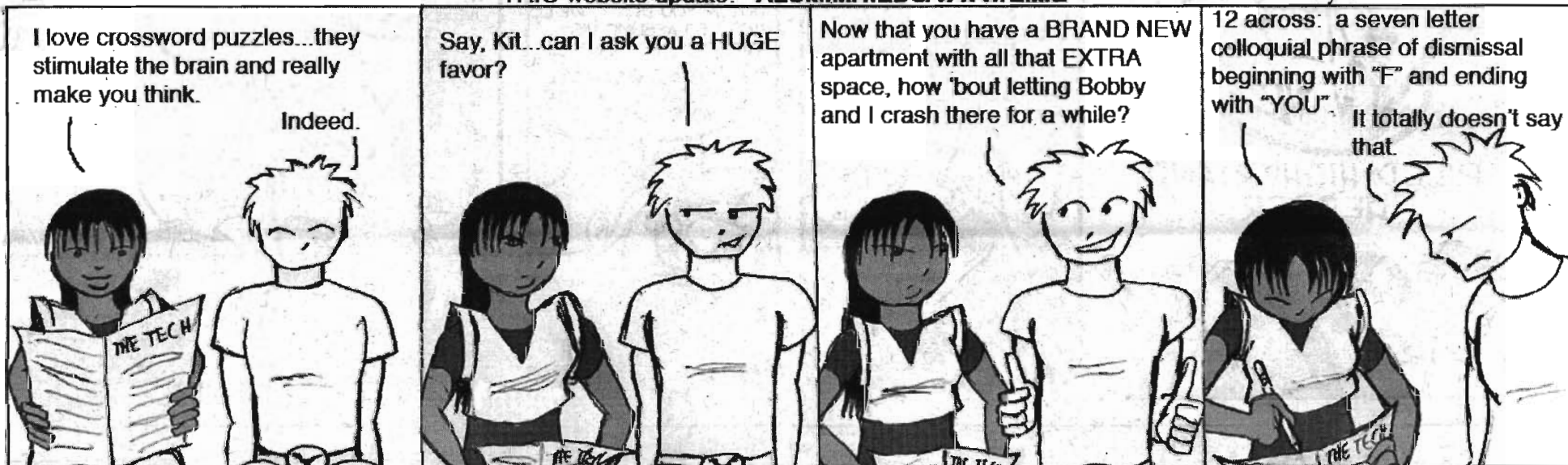
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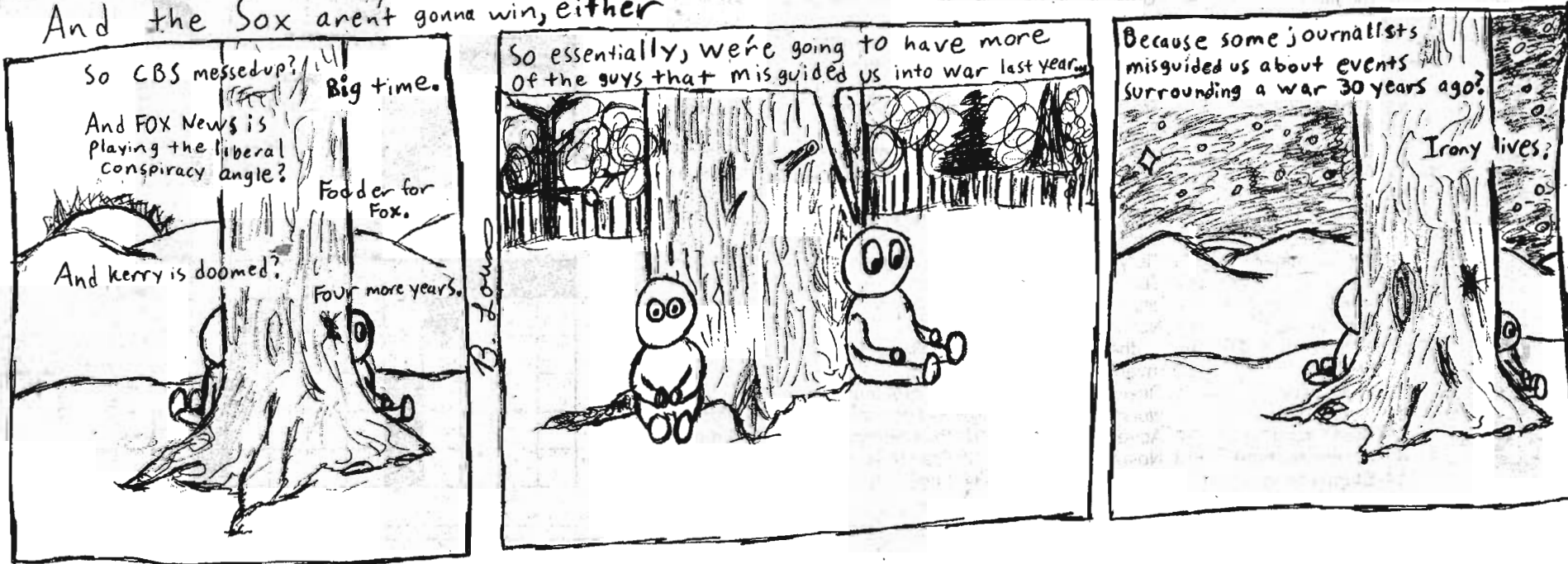
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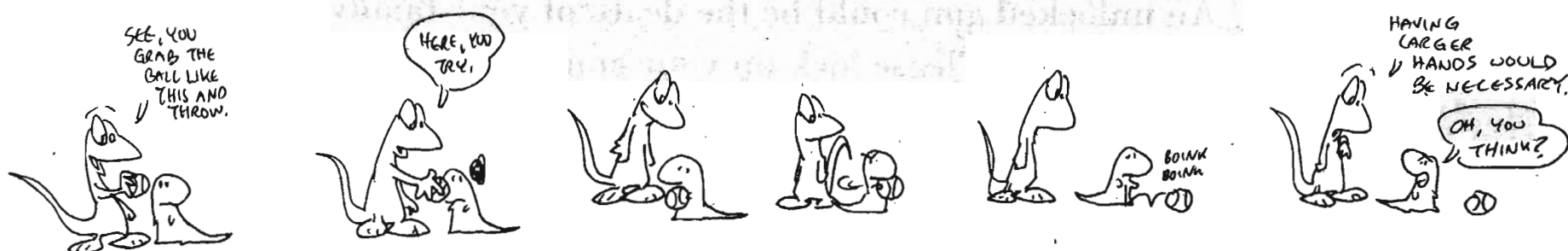
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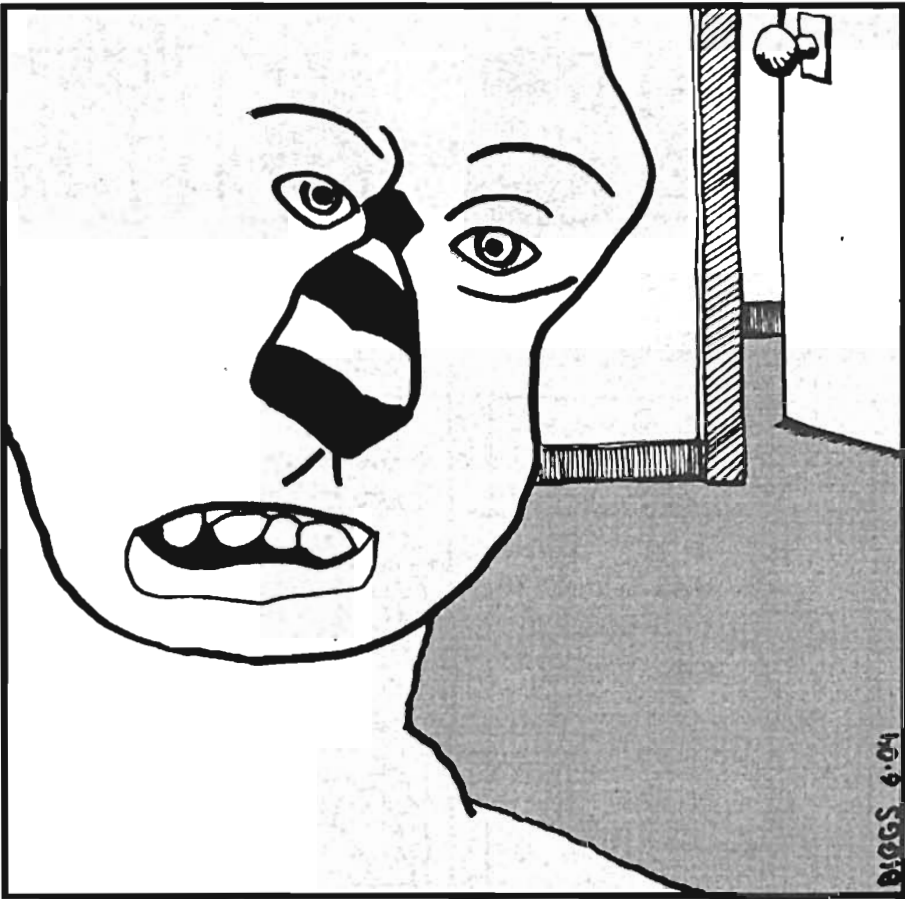
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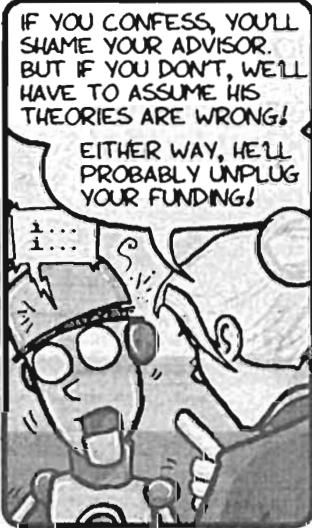
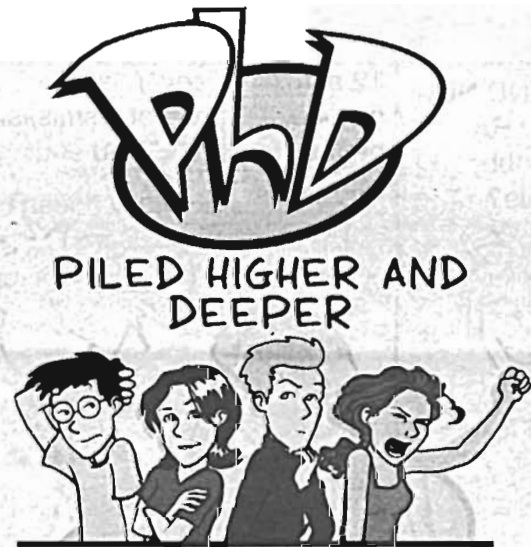
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Although he had chosen a conservative tie, Harold sensed the interview wasn't going smoothly.

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Crossword Puzzle

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What's On Your iPod?

(Not In Your Wallet)

By Mark Liao
COLUMNIST

Since Al Gore invented the internet, we've seen Napster, Audiogalaxy, and Kazaa all come, strive, and fall. Music is an essential part of the life of your typical college student and I'm sure every one of us knows some music snob or another who's entire self-esteem revolves around the fact that he knew about Maroon 5 back when they were just Kara's Flowers. Hell, we'll condemn someone equally harshly for listening to Ashlee Simpson as for wearing Von Dutch trucker hats.

And this is why I figured I'd start this column, "What's On Your iPod?", because let's face it, iPods are taking over the world faster than Lindsey Lohan is becoming a skank-monger. Don't worry all of you mp3 fiends out there, I won't be discriminating against you for not shelling out \$300+ for those signature white earphones — these little articles will be nothing more than a list of 10 or so current songs and artists found on a playlist from somewhere on campus.

Hopefully this will give people the chance to share their music in a legal way. It'll help that bashful freshman open conversation with the oh-so-dreamy senior she's been chasing down. (Oh my god, I love "Anyway You Want It" by Journey.) It'll reassure the insecure sophomore

that maybe it is alright to know all the words to "I'll Never Break Your Heart" by the Backstreet Boys. And if all goes to plan, this will solve that age old problem of not remembering that song from that day when you were doing that thing.

And now, before I humbly open myself up and admit what songs I'm currently obsessed with, I would just like to insert this friendly reminder: if you think your music should be heard, if you want to embarrass that cocky numbnut from down the hall, or if you want to make people realize that maybe you're not so different after all, feel free to submit your playlist to howtoeatasian@mit.edu (yes, I'm that guy too) and keep checking back weekly to see if its your time for five seconds of fame.

What's on Your (non-existent) iPod: Mark Liao

1. Pretty The World — Matt Nathanson
2. Follow Through — Gavin Degraw
3. She Says — Howie Day
4. Let Go — Frou Frou
5. Overkill — Colin Hay
6. Winter — Josh Radin
7. Rain King — Counting Crows
8. A Little Respect — Wheatus (original by Erasure)
9. Happy — Sister Hazel
10. This is the Last Time — Keane

Mark Liao is a Junior at the Sloan School of Management. His most prized music possessions are his autographed Matt Nathanson CD, the Maroon 5 pick he was given after a concert at the Paradise (which is currently MIA), and his cheap Yamaha guitar that he can only play Tears in Heaven on.

What's on Your iPod: Andrew Whitehead

1. The Day of the Phoenix — AFI
 2. Ocean — John Butler Trio
 3. Can't Stop Thinking About You — Martin Sexton
 4. Chem Six A — Switchfoot
 5. Automatic Flowers — Our Lady Peace
 6. Soma — Smashing Pumpkins
 7. Beer — Real Big Fish
 8. Little Wing — Jimmy Hendrix
 9. Shine on You Crazy Diamond — Pink Floyd
 10. Spanish Caravan — George Winston (original by The Doors)
- Andrew Whitehead is a senior majoring in physics. A walking paradox, he prefers his California skater look to anything remotely Gap or J-crew and yet maintains the politeness of a charm school valedictorian. He can be found proudly rocking on the ancient technology known as mini-disks while insisting that, "third wave ska is still cool."

Worlds Beyond the Mackerel Plant Plight

By Akshay Patil
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Well, here I am — spending the day sitting on my futon, appreciating the greenery of my room on another pseudo sunny day in Cambridge. As I sit here, soaking in the wonder that is the two floor plants in my dorm room, I can't help but feel a little sad because I know it's only a brief matter of time between both "jolly giant" and "spiky" die.

Now, now, try to get a grip. I know that's terrible, shocking news for I too was heart broken when I first realized their plight. I guess plants were never meant to be kept indoors and the price of my plants' domestication might very well be their lives. That and 43 dollars.

That's right, not only are they dying, but they're damn expensive too. And they have names. Because. I like naming things, alright? One's got like spiky leaves, and the other one is really tall. No, I don't think that's weird. Oh, just because you don't have plants, you're suddenly an authority on naming plants? Yeah, well, I see how it is. Hey man, it's not easy being green... or sickly yellow as the case might be.

Anyways, the cost is probably why I don't just free them into the wild already — put them out in greener pastures, you might say. I mean, I paid good money for these plants, if they're going to die, they're live out their money fueled greener days of glory in my room, turning my waste (no, not that) into oxygen.

The problem is that my room gets no sunlight. I mean, it gets light, but thanks to the large building being constructed across the street from me, my room gets scant amounts of direct sunlight; about a sliver of sunlight from 7 to 9 a.m. That's it.

Now apparently, this is not enough for plants (huge, ferocious plants, with nasty, big, pointy teeth) to survive on. They need the blood of virgins, or something along those lines, for sustenance. People tell me I should get a "sunlight" lamp, but that seems kind of iffy to me.

A sunlight lamp strikes me as the sort of thing you don't want to be seen buying — the kind of item that encourages slipping under the jacket and shop-lifting rather than dealing with the humiliation of actually buying it. Like when I buy tampons. I know there are perfectly legitimate uses for sunlight lamps, but whenever I think of it, my brain just screams "POT GROWER."

Just in case some of you are wondering, no, I'm not growing cannabis in my room. Jolly giant and spiky are perfectly normal house plants who enjoy such common activities as sun bathing, reading, listening to music, and taking moon-lit walks. They have no medicinal qualities that I am familiar with and I'm not actually keen on finding out. They're just plants, alright? Legal, law abiding plants, just minding their own business.

But despite what would be a perfectly legitimate reason for buying a sunlight lamp, I would just feel dirty about it. I mean, what would you think if you were the delivery guy handing over the lamp to some college student? "Yeah, sure kid, good luck with the 'horticulture'" Even the word "horticulture" seems incriminating. It's the kind of word that might just have an imaginary friend named "snortyculture" who it hangs out with when nobody else is paying attention. Is this the kind of image I want to project about myself? That I have imaginary word friends?

If I did get a lamp, I can just imagine state troopers bursting into my room the moment I plugged it in. I'd end up on the 10 o'clock news (but seriously, who watches the 10 o'clock news?) in some story about a stupid MIT student who thought he was growing weed but was really raising weeds. They'd probably confiscate my plants and smoke them anyways, bastards.

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Worlds Beyond the Mackerel Not Even a Polar Bear

By Akshay Patil
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

One of the more novel things about living in a graduate dorm is the sudden introduction of a full-sized refrigerator/freezer combo in the (also novel) kitchen area of my two-person suite.

I'm still not quite adjusted to this new development into my life. I've spent the last few years dealing with a "cube fridge," or "dorm fridge" or whatever you call those things (which usually aren't cubes, but are certainly cuber than my current fridge) (in another note for those of you playing along at home, "cuber" is, in fact, a proper word. Amazing, eh? The sad news being that it's actually a noun, but we here at "Worlds Beyond the Mackerel" don't let petty details like grammar get in the way of our commitment to entertain you, the Reader).

I'm used to fridges small enough that you could actually put them on other things, like armadillos. Or fridges you could use as a night stand. Fridges which made you think at the grocery store "do I really have enough room for a half-gallon of milk?" Fridges which were handed down from generations to generations of undergrads with the philosophy of "if it doesn't smell like mildew, it'll get the job

done." The kind of fridge that taught the youth of today the meaning of the phrase "defrost." Yes, they were crappy, but by golly, by gum, they were fridges and back in those crazy days, we didn't judge these things on size, color, or temperature.

Now I have a real fridge, a proper grown-up fridge to go along with the proper grown-up life I'm allegedly living. A fridge so glorious, my mom got all excited when I told her about it. It gives her hope that one day there indeed will come when her son will actually eat properly and get around to learning how to cook. Of course this day has still yet to come.

The truth of the matter is, I've been back on campus for over a month now and I haven't even set foot into a proper grocery store. My suite-mate went through the effort of arranging his cheese, fruit, bread, etc. to set aside room in the fridge for me which is kind of shame seeing as all I've got in there is a jar of peanut butter (left over from the summer), a Brita water filter/jug, and two bottles of IBC Root Beer.

Yeah, it's not really what you'd call the makings of a varied, well-balanced diet. I actually survived off of a bag of meeting-leftover Bertucci's bread for a good three days.

The problem with full-sized fridges is that the only experience I've had with them is the self-replenishing kind which lives in my kitchen at home. There's always food in it, items are rarely missing for more than a few days, and the milk almost never goes bad. Lemme tell you, my dorm fridge just ain't like that. It doesn't even have ice cream in it, that's how crazy and messed up it is. Must be a cheaper model or something, but lemme tell you, some of these extras are worth it. Seriously.

Now that school's starting to get into full swing, I guess the free food is about to disappear soon and I'll need to give that whole grocery shopping thing a try again. Man, I just went there a few months ago too, I'll bet this'll turn out to be one of those "you should do it multiple times a year" things, like getting a haircut. I swear it's a conspiracy.

Did you know that grad students don't get free t-shirts like undergrads do? Nope, they get free coffee mugs. I shvt you not. And just like the annoying "no free pants and underwear" rule, I've yet to see free plates and silverware. They're always out to get us, I swear, just like with the french fries. Fight the resistance, e-mail mackerel@mit.edu.

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Financial Aid Should Reflect Higher Rent

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somewhere else" more appropriate, Benedict said.

"It is not fair for the Institute to be subsidizing student housing," Benedict said.

He said that this had been occurring simply because nobody had previously noticed and looked into it.

Additional reasons for the rent increase include the desire to push for major renovations in the near future, the need to pay for rising bills for utilities, and ultimately to increase the amount of undergraduate housing available on campus.

FSILG task force report concurs

Independent of the Office of the Dean for Student Life's decision to remodel payment for undergraduate dormitory housing, the Fraternity, Sorority and Independent Living Group Task Force report agreed with the decision.

"MIT is undercharging for resi-

dence hall living," the report says, and the increase in house bills will "keep the playing field level" between dormitories and FSILGs, making the prices comparable.

Josiah D. Seale G, former Undergraduate Association president and member of the FSILG task force, said the issue of dormitory pricing was "seriously discussed for a long time" and it was not just a question of fairness but also of "getting housing costs in line with what they should be."

The cost increase is unfortunate, but important to the responsible fiscal management of the dormitories, Seale said. He said he "really liked the task force" and thought that "nobody felt that their ideas" were not being listened to and considered.

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Growing Endowment Will Help New Plans

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for the endowment, said Brown. The Institute will also reinstate yearly salary reviews and raises, he said.

The large endowment will "allow us to keep moving forward to improve student life and educational programs," said Brown. A modest rate of financial growth is important for the school, said Brown, highlighting the effort to establish a new undergraduate major in biological engineering, the affordability of an MIT education, and the continuous need for assis-

tance to fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

Brown said that MIT is entering a major planning phase in which the institution will define its priorities for the next five years. He said that now is the perfect time for such an effort, which last took place five years ago, because MIT's leadership is changing, and the budget is coming out of a tough time.

Detailed information on MIT's finances for fiscal year 2004 will be included in the annual Report of the Treasurer, available beginning Oct. 1, Bufferd said in an e-mail.

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BE Major May Open For Class of '08, '09

By Kelley Rivoire
STAFF REPORTER

A new undergraduate degree program in biological engineering could be approved as early as this December, said Linda G. Griffith, Chair of the Biological Engineering Undergraduate Programs.

The first class to graduate under the BE major would be either the Class of 2008 or the Class of 2009, depending on the official approval date.

To become an undergraduate degree program, the major must be approved by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program, the Committee on Curricula, the Faculty Policy Committee, the faculty, and the MIT Corporation, said Griffith.

At the earliest, she said, the degree program could be approved in December, but more likely this will occur in the spring. She said she does not expect any difficulties in obtaining approval at any stage.

Depending on the date of approval, students in the Class of 2008 could possibly enroll in the major at the end of next fall, she said.

Biological Engineering Discipline

The proposed major differs markedly from biomedical engineering majors at other universities, which focus on the application of engineering to medical problems, said Professor Roger D. Kamm PhD '77, co-chair of the biological engineering undergraduate programs.

MIT considered establishing an undergraduate program in biomedical engineering ten years ago, but because of its applied nature, we could "not convince ourselves it's a real discipline worthy of a degree," said Griffith.

Rather, biological engineering is a "whole new discipline of biological engineering" focused on the molecular and quantitative aspects of biology, said Griffith.

Kamm said the discipline of biological engineering has come together in recent years as a result of advances in biology, particularly in the computational tools available.

New curriculum designed

According to a report available on the BE Division Web site, the proposed curriculum includes two laboratory classes and core BE subjects in statistical thermodynamics, programming, computation, biomechanics, biological systems, and kinetics and dynamics.

In addition, Thermodynamics and Kinetics (5.60) and a spring version of Genetics (7.03) would be co-taught by BE.

Griffith said that the committee has discussed the curriculum with members of industry, who have expressed interest in hiring graduates of the MIT program.

The undergraduate minor in biomedical engineering will continue, and a new "more focused" minor in biological engineering may be created as well, said Griffith.

Enrollment possibly limited

Enrollment in the new major may be capped in its early years if more students show interest in the

major than the current infrastructure, particularly laboratory space, can support, said Kamm. Currently, laboratory space exists for approximately 50 students, he said.

"We don't know how many students are truly interested in this," said Griffith. If the major is oversubscribed, a random lottery will determine which students may enter the major.

Dean for Undergraduate Education Robert P. Redwine said that a lottery would be "counter to MIT's way of doing things," but necessary to adequately support students in the major.

Virtually all subjects besides the sophomore laboratory subject would continue to be available to non-majors, said Kamm.

Strong student interest in major

Alexis R. DeSieno '05, president of the Biomedical Engineering Society, said students have expressed strong interest in the major. At the Activities Midway this August, of 134 freshmen who signed up to receive e-mail from BMES, 23 percent were interested in the BE major and 24 percent were thinking about the major, according to statistics compiled by the BMES Co-Vice President Campus Relations Nupur Garg '07.

"A lot of people want to major in it," said BMES Student Advisor Lili X. Peng '05, though she said that many students are still uneducated about the major.

Many students "still try to use bioengineering, biomedical engineering and biotech interchangeably," she said.

Students also contributed input into the development of the major. Peng said that members of the BMES executive board have met extensively with faculty to discuss the program.

In addition, Kamm said that graduate students in BE have given feedback about the new major and proposed curriculum.

Faculty mostly in place

The BE faculty has been mostly in place since the creation of the BE Division in 1998, said Griffith.

Many strong co-teaching relationships with other departments are already established, she said, which will make the transition to the new undergraduate program simpler.

As students progress in the major, BE "may incrementally hire new faculty" who would possibly be needed for senior design subjects, said Griffith.

Program could influence others

The MIT program will serve as a model program in biological engineering, said Griffith.

"Other schools are looking to us for leadership," she said, as Stanford is developing a new program similar to the MIT major and Johns Hopkins is considering restructuring their biomedical engineering undergraduate major to more closely resemble the new MIT degree program.

Griffith said that her goal is for the program to become the nationwide leader.

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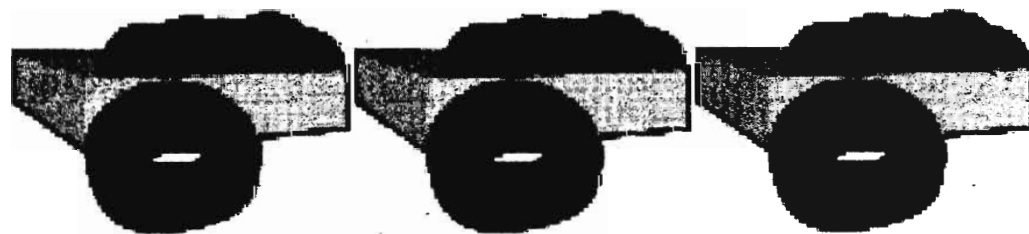
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Class Size May Grow With New Dormitory

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have a large impact" on the culture of each dormitory, said Benedict.

He said that MIT will be looking at designs for the new dormitory this year and should have a final version by this spring.

Housing plans detailed in report

The plan is outlined in a Housing Strategies Interim Report that was released in April 2004 by the Housing Task Group, consisting of staff from the Student Life office, faculty members, and students. According to the report, the Housing Task Group was established in June 2003 "to consider approaches to the additions of housing stock for MIT students, faculty, and affiliates, and to formulate concepts for further MIT development in the NW (Cambridgeport) sector of campus".

The report identifies five sites in that area of campus as candidates for a new graduate residence, three of which would be "appropriate as part of a long term urban design strategy".

Director for Capital Project Development Deborah W. Poodry said that all three sites for the graduate residence are still under consideration, and that they soon will be looking at feasibility and taking a deeper look at the sites.

"Things are going to pick up now that the semester's started," said Poodry.

Plan could increase class size

According to the report, additional housing "will support Institute consideration of a larger undergraduate enrollment without compromise of its current housing policies."

Though Benedict said that the target class size for next fall has not yet been established, he said that the

long-term plan is to increase the freshman class size to 1080 students, what it was ten years ago. For now, though, Benedict said that the current housing resources will impose a limit on the freshman class size.

"Next year we're going to have to bring admission numbers down," said Benedict. "There is more pressure on us to bring graduate students onto campus."

Benedict also said that several fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups in Boston have expressed interest in moving to Cambridge and that they will be looking into housing options for them. One of these options, as outlined in the housing strategies report, would be to convert Random to be used for sorority housing.

Dormitory closure a 'loss' for MIT

The proposed closure of Random Hall and Bexley and the temporary relocation of residents from EC and Burton-Conner could have a dramatic effect on the culture of those dormitories and the housing system in general.

"As one who has lived there for almost ten years, I think [closing Random] will be a great loss for the Institute," said Nina Davis-Millis, housemaster of Random Hall. "Random Hall has a lot going for it as a community."

Davis-Millis praised what she called the "comparative ease with which a tight-knit community can thrive in smaller numbers," one of the positive consequences of Random's small size.

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Fischer Focuses On Education, Learning

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positive relationships with students, faculty and staff" and to find a suitable candidate for the Assistant Dean position in the office. He wants to work with the community to complete the draft of a Student Rights and Responsibilities document, he said.

Fischer said his long term goal is to "support the academic mission of the Institute by helping to maintain a positive and productive living and learning environment." His philosophy is to "always be educational in working with students regarding

conduct issues," he said.

Regarding hacks, Fischer said they are a "strong tradition that helps build community" and would like to see them continue, with consideration to safety and security of persons and property.

"The students I work with now are very independent and mature" so there are many similarities between his current position and his new one, Fischer said, though he said he still wants to "learn as much as I can about the Institute."

—Jenny Zhang contributed to the reporting of this story.

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By Kevin Chen
and Waseem S. Daher

This week, we continue our discussion of version control systems and explain CVS, the Concurrent Versioning System. If you're new to version control systems, refer to our May 11 column online at <http://www.mit.edu/~asksipb/> for an introduction.

How do I start using CVS and create a CVS repository?

Before you can do anything in CVS, you need to create a CVS repository. All of the files go into the CVS repository, and then when users want to edit them, they make their own local copies. This means

that multiple users can edit a file at the same time, since they each have their own copy of it.

Once you decide where you want your repository to be, you should point the CVSROOT environment variable to the repository location. For example:

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After doing so, typing `cvs init` will set up an empty repository. (You can also use the `-d` option to specify a repository location instead of using CVSROOT, but CVSROOT is usually easier.)

Each CVS repository can have several projects. Now that your repository is ready, you can either import an existing directory struc-

ture or start from scratch.

To import an existing directory structure, `cd` to the directory, and type:

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vendortag releasetag
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`projectname` controls where the project is stored in the repository. `Vendortag` and `releasetag` aren't particularly important, but are still required. Your username for `vendortag` and start for `releasetag` would be reasonable defaults.

To start from scratch, create an empty project directory, and then follow the steps above.

How do I check out a project?

Before you can work with a pro-

ject, you have to check it out. This is an area where there is a slight difference with RCS. In RCS, you check out files as you want to work on them. In CVS, however, you have to check out an entire project to work with.

To check out a project, use the `cvs checkout` command. As before, you either need to have CVSROOT defined, or use the `-d` option to specify the location of your repository.

`cvs checkout projectname`
After checking out a project, a subdirectory with the same name as the project you checked out will be made in your current working directory. It will contain all of the files in the project, and you can edit them at your leisure.

How do I check files back into the repository?

Once you are done editing your files, you may wish to check them back into CVS. To do so, use the `cvs commit` command, or `cvs ci` for short. For example:

```
cvs ci -m "Fixed a typo"
intro.html
```

When you specify a filename, you check in that file specifically. If no file is specified, you are checking in all of the files of the project that you have modified. The `-m` flag allows you to add a message to your commit. If `-m` is not specified, CVS will invoke the editor pointed to in the `CVSEDITOR` environment variable, and ask you to type in a message.

If you are not using the most up to date version of the file, CVS will not check in the file. You will need to run `cvs update` as described below before reattempting the checkin.

How do I add a new file to the repository?

To add a new file to the repository, run:

```
cvs add filename
```

This marks the file as a new file to be added. It is, however, not immediately added to the repository. To actually add it, you will also need to run:

```
cvs commit
```

How do I update my local copy and see what changes have been made to the repository?

Suppose your friend has made changes to the project and you want to get a local copy of them for yourself so you can look over them or make more edits. To do this, you use the `cvs update` command, or `cvs up` for short.

You may want to consider using the `-d` option when you use `cvs update`. This will ensure all directories in the repository are also in your local copy, even if some directories were added to the repository after you initially checked it out. The `-P` option is also useful, as it will prune empty directories from your local copy. CVS does not provide a way to remove old directories, which is why this option can be necessary.

After a `cvs update`, you will have the most up-to-date copy of the files in the repository. If other people have made changes to the same file that you have been working on, their changes will be merged into your local copy. If these changes conflict, CVS will mark the differences with the lines "`<<<<<<<`", "`=====`" and "`>>>>>>>`". Look over the changes made, fix things as necessary, and remove the line markers.

What other CVS commands are available?

To take a look at the differences between your copy of a file and the repository's copy of a file, use the `cvs diff` command, with your filename as an argument. Without an argument, a diff will be performed on all of the modified files in your project. This is similar to `rsdiff` in RCS.

Similarly, the `cvs log` command will show you what changes have been made to a particular file, like `log` does in RCS.

How can I use CVS with Emacs?

As with RCS, you can check in files in Emacs with the keystrokes `C-x v v`. When checking in a file, Emacs will open a buffer prompting you to enter a change comment. After entering your comment, `C-c C-c` will end your comment and check in the file.

Where can I find more information about CVS?

You can find the CVS web site at <http://www.cvshome.org/>, and the manual for CVS at <http://www.gnu.org/software/cvs/manual/>.

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To Win Games, Play Hard from the Start

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bringing just his “B game” on Thursday and Friday. He procrastinated until he had to make his move, when he could have very well pulled off a “Pebble Beach” and lapped the field 10 times over.

Another example of the sporting world values procrastination: the closer.

One of the most importantly viewed (and consequently most over-rated) positions on a baseball team is the closer, the person who comes in the ninth and gets three outs to preserve a lead. No offense to the closers, but I’d rather be that person than someone who has to come in with runners on first and second, with one out, trying to get out a Barry Bonds or a Manny Ramirez.

Instead of worrying about the situation on hand, we worry about the end of the game before we ever get there. The teams wait on their best pitchers and leave them for the end of the game. Granted, it is important to get the win at the end, but if you give up that run scoring double in the sixth, isn’t it just as bad as giving one up in the ninth?

To give you another example, how many of you have heard of

Akinori Otsuka? Consequently, how many of you have heard of Keith Foulke? Otsuka is a middle reliever for the San Diego Padres with a 1.88 ERA and 33 holds and 3 saves. Foulke, on the other hand, has a worse ERA (2.20) and 30 saves. But while Foulke is raking in \$3.5 million this year, Otsuka is trying hard to scrounge up his \$700 grand. Who worships middle relievers anyway? As long as a team can score in the ninth and then hold on to that lead, that’s all that matters right?

What a great attitude. It does not help that at sporting events, we seem to reward the late-coming performances by labeling them as classics or thrillers.

Take Doug Floutie’s Hail Mary for Boston College over Miami, or Joe Montana’s bullet to Dwight Clark in the end zone to frame “The Catch.” Or Derek Fischer’s shot with .4 seconds left to nip the Spurs.

None of these would be stories had their teams gotten out to a big lead early and held on. But that’s not what we appreciate.

Perhaps this is something to learn from the Europeans: the early bird does get the worm. And maybe the early bird will also have to pull fewer all-nighters as well.


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
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
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
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SPORTS

Field Hockey Beats Nichols College 3-1

By Caitlin Murray

The MIT Field Hockey team evened up their record to 3-3 on Tuesday with a 3-1 trouncing of Nichols College. They demonstrated their power on both defense and offense by destroying the Lady Bison with thirteen shots on goal and allowing them just two throughout the entire game.

During the first half, the Engineers resolutely kept the ball in Bison territory, showing indisputable dominance on the field. On the rare occasions when a Nichols attacker ventured into MIT territory, midfielder Cheryl A. Texin '06 provided a human wall, preventing any shots on the MIT goal in the first period.

MIT's first goal was scored on a penalty corner taken by Captain Noelle J. Kanaga '06 and knocked into the net by Deanna M. Lentz '06, the other team captain. Resisting the temptation to rest on their lead, the team continued their aggressive attacks, leading to another goal fourteen minutes later, this one by Kanaga, with an assist by Texin.

MIT lost some momentum in the second half, making only four shots in the last 35 minutes and allowing the Lady Bison three shots. But MIT managed to pad their lead with a beautiful sequence started at midfield with 20 minutes to go in the game. Texin drove the ball up the field, dribbling around four defenders before passing to Anna E. Ayuso '07, who turned it over to Lentz, who flicked it into the goal. It was teamwork at its apex.

Nichols fought valiantly to come back from a three point deficit, keeping the ball in MIT territory for the remainder of the game, but still only managed to get two shots on goal.

With seven minutes left in the game, the Lady Bison managed to score their first goal of the game, made by Stephanie Magni and Hol-

lie Higgins with the assist, but by that time the outcome was unavoidable. The Bison were ill-equipped to deal with the stronger Engineers and looked a bit stunned by their defeat.

The only quality performance from Nichols was by the goalkeeper, Kellie Fitzgerald, who had an amazing ten saves, but she couldn't do it all.

Despite their power in this appearance, the Engineers are a relatively young team, with just one senior and 15 underclassmen. But Coach Cheryl Silva does not see this as a major setback. "We may only have one senior, but we have nine returning players," she said after the game.

She did concede that there are improvements to be made: "One of the areas where we're young is that we have a freshman goalkeeper, Alexa Herman. It's hard to step in as a freshman and play keeper at the college level. But she gets better every game."

MIT's thorough defeat of Nichols makes their .500 record a bit incongruous, but Silva expressed the hope that they are just getting started, saying "We want to build for our conference starter."

The team hopes that the control demonstrated against the Lady Bison will hold up to closer inspection when they meet Babson on Saturday for their first New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) game of the season.

Women's Volleyball Dominates Wheaton Matchup

By Paul Dill
TEAM HEAD COACH

The Women's Varsity Volleyball team added another win on Tuesday night by defeating Wheaton College to boost their record to 8-3 overall, and 3-0 in the NEWMAC Conference.

The Engineers took control of the match early and never looked back. After handling the Lyons pretty easily in the first game 30-14, MIT pushed even harder in the second game behind the serving of Joy N. Hart '06 and completely dominated all aspects of the game, winning 30-7.

In the third game however, an inspired and enthusiastic Wheaton team came out of the gate on fire, taking a 12-7 lead. But the Engineers never lost their composure and pushed back hard to eventually take the game 30-24 and the match 3-0.

Caroline D. Jordan '06 had a solid showing against Wheaton, leading the way with eight kills, two solo blocks, and three assisted blocks. She also added three aces and seven digs. Hart registered a team-best eight aces and 14 digs while Arlis A. Reynolds '06 had 13

By Brian Chase
SPORTS EDITOR

Three Things We Have Learned:

1. The Kansas City Chiefs stink. I mean really cover-your-eyes, my-God-is-that-actually-football stink.

Column

The problem, it seems, is that changing the defensive coordinators did nothing for the Chiefs' defense. They still make poor tackles and all kinds of mistakes, and have the worst run defense in the league. And at this point, the blame has to be laid at the feet of the players.

But the real problem this year: is that the Chiefs have no quality receivers. None. They had some, at one point, but they are all now injured, and the ones playing are the definition of mediocre (or bad). So, the Chiefs' offense, which carried them through games, now cannot carry them, and the defense, which was supposed to get better, did not.

This is nowhere near a playoff team, and given their tough schedule, I'll be surprised if they finish more than 1 game above .500.

2. The Minnesota Vikings are still the Vikings. Remember last year, when the Vikings had this wonderful offense, but always seemed to give up the big game (cough... Arizona ... cough) on turnovers and dumb penalties? Well, they're still around.

Last Monday night's game against the Philadelphia Eagles featured wide receivers Randy Moss and Terrell Owens, but also featured

turnovers and bad decisions in the red zone that cost the Vikings at least three scores. The biggest difference between the Eagles and the Vikings: the Eagles do not beat themselves. I just hope Philly can stay in for the long haul and justify my Super Bowl pick.

3. The AFC West is by far the weakest division in the league. The AFC North might be the closest, but all of their teams are probably ahead of where any of the West teams are right now. The Chargers have made a reputation off being bad recently, the Raiders are too old on offense to get anything done (even if their defense has improved significantly), and the Chiefs have no run defense or passing offense. The Denver Broncos have a good defense and well-run offense, but because they cannot pass the ball other defenses simply stack against the run, like Jacksonville did last Sunday, limiting running back Quentin Griffin to 66 yards and a 2.5 yards per carry average.

If things persist like this, the AFC West might end up winning the "Worst Division this Decade" award.

What we will learn:

1. Which team is the inheritor of the Chiefs' "Most Potent Offense" title? The two top contenders, the Green Bay Packers and the Indianapolis Colts, meet on Sunday to try to find an answer.

These teams both have a reputation for a powerful offense whether running or passing. The Colts have young MVP quarterback Peyton Manning and running back Edgerrin

James, the Packers have future Hall-of-Famer Brett Favre at QB and the potent Ahman Green as RB.

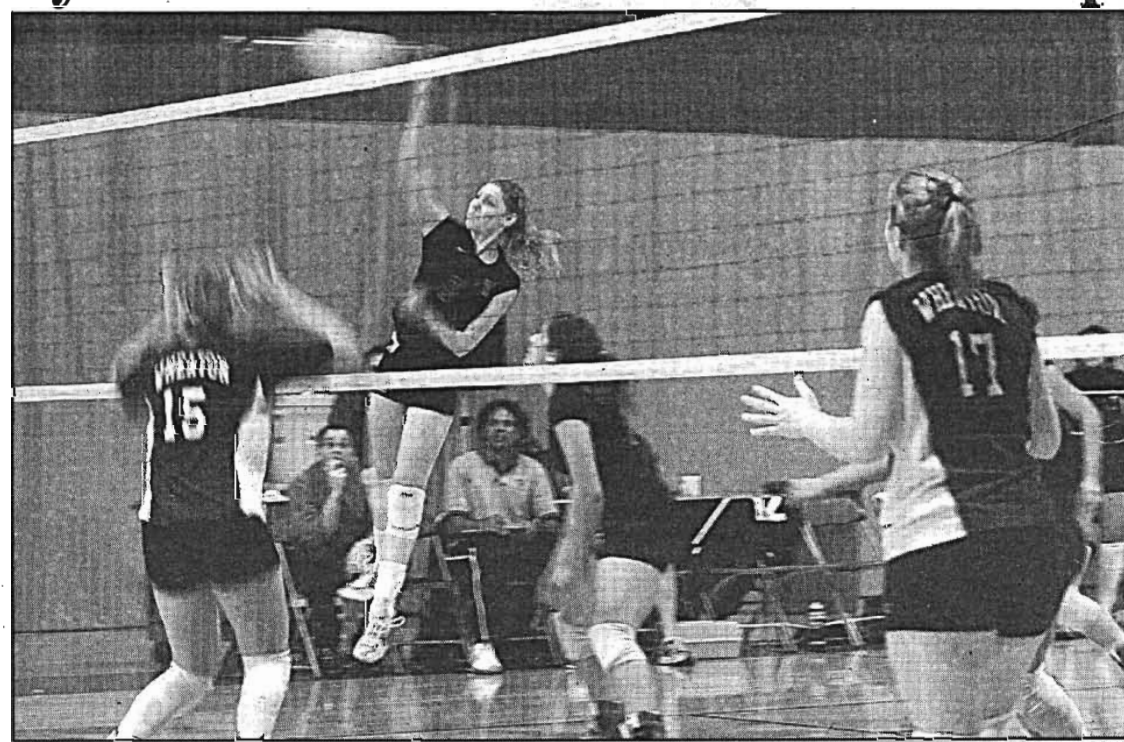
When the offenses are set to dominate, though, you look to the defense to determine the winner, and looking there favors Green Bay. If the defense that shut down the Carolina Panthers in week one shows up, the Colts might be in trouble. If it's the egg-laying squad that lost to the Bears last week, maybe not.

I'm going with Manning and the Colts, because he doesn't lob that many interceptions (though Favre does) and this isn't a playoff game he's liable to choke in. Colts win, 28-21.

2. How mad are the Oakland Raiders? Two years ago, Jon Gruden beat his former team in the Super Bowl with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. That team was the Oakland Raiders, and they promptly went on a 5-11 dive the next season. They're on the road to recovery now, with many of the same old players that lost in the Bowl, and now they face that Tampa once again. Can they get vengeance?

Probably, because the Tampa Bay Bucs really stink this year. They changed up half their roster over the offseason. The upshot of this is their defense is still good, like it has been, but their offense is slow and ugly.

Which, surprisingly enough, could be a description of the Raiders as well. I mean, any offense that has Rich Gannon, Jerry Rice and Charlie Garner as the main offensive playmakers isn't that young. But it does trump anything Tampa Bay has to offer. Raiders win, 17-6.



Caroline D. Jordan '06 spikes the ball over the net last Tuesday night in Rockwell during a game against Wheaton College. The MIT women won 3-0, bringing their season record to 8-3.

digs. Ellen E. Sojka '08 posted seven kills in one game while Frances M. Rogoz '07 totaled seven kills in two games. Alice H. Chou

'05 tallied eight digs and Austin Zimmerman '06 dished out 32 assists and contributed three assisted blocks.

The Engineers will be hosting the MIT Women's Volleyball Invitational on Friday, Sept. 24 and Saturday, Sept. 25.

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Woods, Mickelson Walk Tall, Fall Hard in Ryder Cup

By Yong-yi Zhu
COLUMNIST

Embarrassing. Pathetic. Awful. Those are just a few of the wonderful adjectives that I can use to

describe the American Ryder Cup team's effort over this past weekend. Not only did they lose the cup once again to the Europeans, but they were never really in it to begin with. They might as well not have shown up in the first place.

After day one, the European lead was 6 1/2 points to 1 1/2. Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson lost both of their matches and the team looked like it was trying to score as few points as possible. On Saturday,

they lost more ground and the European lead increased to 11-5. This forced the Americans to try to stage one of the greatest comebacks in Ryder Cup history to win.

However, unlike five years ago, when the Americans successfully pulled off a similar comeback, the Europeans took control of the Sunday matches, won 6 and tied 2 others. They won the cup the right way, by winning every day.

The European team was the underdog. The European team supposedly didn't have the talent to compete with the Americans. But the American team suffered from something far worse: procrastination.

They thought if they could just

turn the heat on Sunday afternoon, they would be able to take the cup home, as they did five years ago. What happened back then reinforced the notion that one can show up one out of three days of a tournament and take the win.

There are other examples of this kind of attitude in the golfing world. Take the American Ryder Cup leader, Tiger Woods. He is known for his huge Sunday comebacks and for dominating on the weekend. However, if he played better on the weekdays, he wouldn't have had to make all of those comebacks. True, Tiger has not missed a cut since the Stone Age, but it's when he puts on his Sunday red that he takes it to another notch.

During his great years of 2000 and 2001, Tiger's scoring average was phenomenal. He was first in the rankings both years, but what was telling were his scoring averages before and after the cut.

In 2000, his average before the cut was 68.31 while his average on Saturdays and Sundays was even better, at 68.02, despite more difficult pin placements on the weekends. In 2001, this trend was even more evident: his scoring average before the cut was 69.26, while after the cut it was 68.47 on Saturdays and Sundays.

It feels as though Tiger sleepwalked his way into the weekend,

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